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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Materiel Branch, DPD
Chief, Finance Section, DPD
Chief, Security Section, DPD
Chief, Personnel Section, DPD
Chief, Cover Section, DPD
Chief, Travel Section, DPD
Chief, Administration Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Participation in Civil Defense Relocation
Exercise, Operation "Alert"

REFERENCE : CHALICE EWP Operational Plan
(CHAL-9438, 22 Dec 58)

1. The Deputy Director (Plans) has indicated that DPD will participate in the Agency's phase of Operation "Alert", the Civil Defense exercise program which has its next full-scale rehearsal in August 1959. We must identify those key personnel required from the Division who will participate. The mission of DPD differs from that of many DD/P components in that under the reference document, that part of our assets devoted to CHALICE has an immediate EWP role to play, namely maintaining CHALICE capability for a period of several months following outbreak of hostilities until SAC is able to fold CHALICE into its wartime inventory. In addition, the more or less conventional air assets of the Division, such as [redacted] will be called on to perform an active role in support of Air Force objectives shortly after the outbreak of any hostilities.

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2. This means that DPD will wind up with a larger requirement of essential individuals proportionately than the normal DD/P Divisions since it will be necessary to maintain a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week capability in being. I have separately solicited the Chief, Operations Branch, for his requirements in pursuit of our EWP commitments, and in large measure our total divisional strength at the relocation center will have to be governed by the number of people required in operations. However, I would like each of the Branch and Section Chiefs addressed to give thought to the minimum number of people who might be required from their areas in support of operations with the understanding that whatever figure is submitted could be renegotiated following

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receipt of the operations figure.

3. In view of the requirement for rather extensive documentation of the key personnel selected and the possible need to readjust other D/D/P Division quotas to conform with our disproportionately high number, it would be appreciated if your replies were to reach this office no later than COB 19 May 1959. If you desire additional consultation on this matter, I will be glad to talk to you at any time.

4. It should be noted that whatever requirements we come up with for the August 1959 exercise will presumably hold good for subsequent Civil Defense emergency relocation drills. It should also be noted that the relocation center concept covers the stationing of women as well as men there if they are required during the normal course of the mission.

SIGNED

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CC:

1 on addressee
1 Ch/Ops/DPD(for info)
1 DPL/R1

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